

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF SHARPS & PHARMACEUTICALS

The City of Oceanside is on the Road to Zero Waste with a goal of 75-90% diversion from landfill by 2020. The City and Waste Management are dedicated to providing exceptional solid waste and recycling services and programs to help meet our zero waste goals. Every year, millions of people throughout the country use sharps (needles, syringes, and lancets) and medications. It is important to the City and Waste Management to provide residents with ways to safely dispose of these materials. If not handled properly these materials can harm public health, safety, and the environment.

It is illegal to dispose of medical sharps in your curbside landfill cart, recycling cart, or flushing them down the toilet. However, residents can properly dispose of sharps by utilizing one of the three drop-off sites in Oceanside. Prior to disposal, residents are required to place their sharps in a red biohazard container with a sealed top or in a see-through container like a water bottle or milk jug with the lid securely in place and taped.

The sharps collections boxes in Oceanside are located in the lobby of both of Oceanside's Senior Centers located at 455 Country Club Lane or 3302 Senior Center Drive open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. The Waste Management Buyback Center also accepts sharps and is located at 2880 Industry Street (see site attendant) open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.



Unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs also require special disposal and should not be disposed of curbside or by flushing them down the toilet. The Oceanside Police Department provides a safe disposal method for residents. The Oceanside Police Department installed a secure pharmaceutical [drug collection](#)

[drop-box](#) at the Evidence and Property Facility at 4927 Oceanside Blvd open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Prior to disposal residents are asked to remove medications from their pill bottles into a re-closable plastic bag (made available at the Evidence and Property Facility). Please note medical sharps cannot be disposed of at this location.

Drop off is only available during the operational hours of each facility. It is illegal to leave materials at these sites outside of operational hours. Please help us keep our community safe and clean.



For more information on how to properly dispose of all household items including batteries, paints, household hazardous waste, and recyclables please visit www.greenoceanside.org. Oceanside residents can also download the Green Oceanside app free on the Apple and Android Stores!

